

**IDAHO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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RESOLUTION 01 (08)

SUBJECT: IDAHO-BASED FOUR-YEAR MEDICAL SCHOOL

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1 WHEREAS, The Idaho Medical Association Board of Trustees (IMA Board)  
2 supports the MGT of America, Inc. Medical Education Study Final  
3 Report (MGT Report) as a high quality and credible report; and  
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5 WHEREAS, The IMA Board supports immediate planning for a collaborative  
6 strategic process for establishing an Idaho-based four-year medical  
7 school model; and  
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9 WHEREAS, The President of the IMA or his designee has been appointed an  
10 ex-officio member of a study committee authorized by Senate  
11 Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 135 to undertake and complete a  
12 study of medical education needs in Idaho; and  
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14 WHEREAS, The scope and purpose of the SCR 135 study committee is to:  
15 a) Review and consider the findings of the MGT Report;  
16 b) Identify gaps in the MGT Report and determine if and how  
17 those gaps should be filled;

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- 1 c) Complete and validate an Idaho inventory of medical education  
2 assets existing in Idaho;  
3 d) Evaluate future medical professional needs in Idaho; and  
4 e) Initiate a state plan for medical education that includes expanded  
5 opportunities at both the undergraduate and graduate levels; and  
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7 WHEREAS, The study committee authorized by SCR 135 shall report its  
8 findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the  
9 2009 Legislature; and  
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11 WHEREAS, The MGT Report described three models of undergraduate medical  
12 education (New Distributive Model, Expanded Medical Education  
13 Contract Programs, and New Joint Medical School) and found  
14 each worthy of further consideration; and  
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16 WHEREAS, The IMA Board has moved to support immediate expansion of  
17 medical student seats within existing contracts with suggested  
18 expansion parameters of the University of Utah School of  
19 Medicine from eight to twelve seats and the University of  
20 Washington School of Medicine from twenty to forty seats, and  
21 that this support extend into actions taken during the discussion of  
22 the MGT Report; therefore be it

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

1 RESOLVED, That the Idaho Medical Association actively support and participate with  
2 the study committee commissioned by Senate Concurrent Resolution 135  
3 in its charge to:

4 a) Review and consider the findings of the MGT Report;

5 b) Identify gaps in the MGT report and determine if and how those gaps  
6 should be filled;

7 c) Complete and validate an Idaho inventory of medical education assets  
8 existing in Idaho;

9 d) Evaluate future medical professional needs in Idaho; and

10 e) Initiate a state plan for medical education that includes expanded  
11 opportunities at both the undergraduate and graduate levels; and be it  
12 further

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14 RESOLVED, That the Idaho Medical Association publish on its website the complete  
15 text of the Medical Education Study Final Report by MGT of America,  
16 Inc. and the findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any,  
17 of the study committee commissioned by Senate Concurrent Resolution  
18 135.

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20 RESOLVED, That the Idaho Medical Association support open discussion and  
21 consideration, without prejudice, of the three models of undergraduate  
22 medical education described in the MGT Report; and be it further  
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1 RESOLVED, That the Idaho Medical Association establish as its policy, active advocacy  
2 for development of an Idaho-based four-year medical education program;  
3 and be it further

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5 RESOLVED, That the clinical training sites that exist in Idaho and our region are vital  
6 and be built upon, supported, and expanded to maximize clinical education  
7 and quality medical student training during the third and fourth years of  
8 medical education.

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10 RESOLVED, That the IMA establish as its priorities for medical education in Idaho the  
11 following:

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13 1.) Development of an Idaho-based four-year medical education program.  
14 2.) Immediate expansion of, and addition to, current graduate medical  
15 education programs to include family medicine, internal medicine,  
16 psychiatry, pediatrics, surgery, and obstetrics/gynecology.  
17 3.) Expansion of state funded medical school seats at University of  
18 Washington from 20 to 40 and University of Utah from 8 to 16 as an  
19 interim measure.

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21 IMA POLICY: Supports immediate planning for a collaborative strategic process  
22 for establishing an Idaho-based four-year medical school model.

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24 FISCAL NOTE: None.

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